Enquiries by CIL for award of transport contracts

2952. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that recently the Central Vigilance Office (CVO) of Coal India Ltd., made enquiries regarding award of Transport Contracts in which Northern Coal Fields Limited has been defrauded to the extent of Rs. 4 crore and reocmmended to hand over the case to CBI and CVC; and

(b) what action has been taken in this matter?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) On a complaint received in 1987, a preliminary enquiry was conducted by vigilance organisation of Coal India Ltd. which reveals that certain irregularities may have been committed in the award of the contract resulting in loss to Northern Coalfields Ltd. The enquiry report and the replies received from the concerned officers have been sent to CVC for advice. CBI has asked for certain papers in this regard which have been made available to that organisation.

2953. [*Transferred to the 28th March, 1989*].

Licences to petro-chemical industries

2954. SHRI M. VINCENT: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the list of petrochemical industries which have been issued with the letters of intent or industrial licences to be located outside the radius of 50 Kms, from a refinery or source of natural gas; and

(b) whether any of these industries are located in the areas where subsidy on transport of raw materials and finished products or subsidy and concessional rates of electrial energy is applicable?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) The MEGA Petrochemical projects located outside the radius of 50 Kms from a Refinery or Source of Natural Gas are:

	Project	Party	Location
(i)	Di-Methyl-Terepthalate (DMT)	M/s Bombay Dyeing and Manufacturing Co. Ltd.	Khalapur Raigarh Distt. Maharashtra
(ii)	Purified Terepthalic Acid (PTA)	M/s Reliance Industries Ltd.	Patalganga Raigarh District Maharashtra
(iii)	Maharashtra Gas Cracker Complex (MGCC) (under implementation)l	Indian Petro-Chemicals Corpn. Ltd. (PSU)	Nagathone Raigarh District Maharashtra.

(b) The Private Sector Units are entitled for various subsidies/concessions which are applicable to backward areas.

Indian supporters of Union Carbide

2955. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the powerful Indian forces supporting Union Carbide interests in India since last 4-5 decades;

(b) whether Government have seen one such instance in the book entitled "Another Revolution Fails" brought out by Ajanta Publications,

New Delhi in 1985, if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether Government would order an inquiry into the matter in order to reveal the high powered supporters of Union Carbide operating from within the Government under in various covers?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) The book entitled "Another Revolution Fails" is about the Operation Flood Project, a dairy development programme. The Department of Chemicals & Petrochemicals have no information in this regard.

Improving the Pesticides Industry

2956. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government had sponsored a regional training workshop for pesticides in 1987-88; if so, what is the outcome thereof;

(b) whether this led to India's improved exports of pesticides to participating countries; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) whether India has also set up/or proposing to set up or helping for setting up pesticides factories in any of the participating countries and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) A Regional Workshop on Quality Control of Pesticides Formulation was held in India in October/November, 1987 as a part of PEST Programme of World Bank in collaboration with UNIDO/UNDP and FAO under the auspices of the Regional Network for Production, Marketing and Control of Pesticides in Asia and Pacific (RENPAP). The Programme was offered as a part of the obligations of Regional Network Project which is being coordinated by India. There is no direct commercial linkage to this Project and no additional exports have been made on this account. So far, no request to put up any pesticide factory from any member country has been received. However, India has developed capabilities to set up pesticide factories, if requested.

Subsidy to pesticides industry

2957. SHRI CHATURANAN MISHRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are giving large subsidies both direct and indirect to pesticides and if so, full details thereof indicating annual subsidies given to pesticide industry in the country both in the form of supplying raw material at lower international prices by treating these as deemed exports;

(b) what is the approximate annual value of all the subsidies direct and indirect;

(c) whether cash compensatory support is also being given and if so, estimated annual value thereof; and

(d) whether Government are aware that National Core-Group meeting on pesticides held at New Delhi on 20-21 February, 1989 attended by Experts, Farmers interests and other public health interests has called for phasing of pesticides and withdrawal of all subsidies and diversion to safe alternatives to pesticides for substantiable agriculture?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI J. VENGAL RAO): (a) to (c) Government are not giving any direct or indirect subsidies to the pesticide industry in the country. However, cash compensatory support is paid at the rate of 5 per cent on exports of pesticides but this is also a refund of unrebated local taxes and is not a subsidy. Exports of pesticides in 1987-88 were about Rs. 40 crores on which CCS of Rs. 2 crores was payable. This does not include exports of aluminium phosphide on which there is no CCS.

(d) Yes, Sir.